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SUBJ: EPMG ACKNOWLEDGES DEFECTIONS FROM POLITBURO AND MINISTRIES

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 5098, B. ADDIS ABABA 5091

1. PROVISIONAL OFFICE FOR MASS ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS (POMOA) HAS NOW OPENLY ANNOUNCED IN STATEMENT CARRIED AUG 27 EDITION ETHIOPIAN HERALD THAT CERTAIN "INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS...RECENTLY DISAPPEARED FROM ASSIGNED TASKS WITHOUT NOTIFYING SECRETARIAT CONCERNED." WITHOUT NAMING NAMES, STATEMENT ADMITTED THAT POMOA HEAD AND BRANCH OFFICE STAFF MEMBERS AND SOME GOVT EMPLOYEES HAVE EITHER ABSENTED THEMSELVES FROM THEIR JOBS OR ARE IN STATE OF UNNECESSARY CONFUSION." IT CALLED ON LATTER GROUP, I.E., THOSE WHO HAVE NOT DISAPPEARED, TO RETURN TO THEIR NORMAL DUTIES IN PEACE.

2. STATEMENT RECALLED THAT JULY STRUCTURAL REORGANIZATION HAD MET OPPOSITION FROM REACTIONARIES. "RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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ORGANIZATION HAS ALIENATED CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHOSE HIDDEN MOTIVES CLASH WITH THESE REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENTS." POMOA STATEMENT INDICATED SURPRISE THAT "THOSE WHO WERE ONLY YESTERDAY FIRM SUPPORTERS OF POMOA ARE TODAY, AFTER IMPROVEMENT AND REORGANIZATION, PICTURING IT AS A FAILURE."

3. COMMENT: DESPITE EARLIER RUMORS TO CONTRARY, EM-BASSY HAS NO EVIDENCE THAT HAILU FIDA OR ANY OF THOSE WHO FLED FROM CAPITAL HAVE YET BEEN APPRREHENDED. AD-MISSION THAT POMOA LEADERSHIP AND OTHERS HAVE INDEED DEPARTED POSTS IN SOME HASTE INDICATES EPMG RECOGNITION IMPOSSIBILITY OF KEEPNG SUCH EVENTS SECRET AND PREPARATION FOR EVENTUAL HANDLING OF EITHER ARREST OR PUBLIC OPPOSITION OF EX-POLITBURO MEMBERS.
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